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Colonel Kimberly M. Colloton, PMP  
Los Angeles District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
915 Wilshire Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Public Interest Served by the Rosemont Copper Project

Dear Colonel Colloton,

The permitting process for the Rosemont Copper Project has stretched out to six-years and is nearing completion for the Section 404 permit. Any public process of this duration can encounter scope creep and entrenched positions that result in the voicing of strong negative positions and loss of direction for the process. It is also easy to lose sight of important positive project benefits. I would like to share with you a substantial public interest benefiting from this project.

Community Water Company of Green Valley is an Arizona nonprofit corporation with members that serves more than 12,000 active residential units in Green Valley and Sahuarita; two communities south of Tucson, Arizona. Augusta Resource Corporation, parent company of Rosemont Copper, is funding construction of a major water pipeline project to deliver Community Water's Central Arizona Project water allotment to the communities of Green Valley and Sahuarita.

This eight-mile pipeline will save our communities an estimated \$25 million for pipeline construction and delivers our Central Arizona Project water to offset demands on the local aquifer. Rosemont Copper has voluntarily committed to use the pipeline for recharging 105 percent of the water it withdraws from the local aquifer, and to date is the only industrial or agricultural interest in our region to do so. This pipeline project serves our critical life sustaining public interest in water by taking the first step in developing a sustainable public water supply for our communities.

Sincerely,

Virgil W. Davis  
Chair Board of Directors

Cc: The Honorable Tom Vilsack  
The Honorable John McHugh  
The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
The Honorable Gina McCarthy  
Mr. Michael Boots